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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF JACK MCDONALD AND PHILIP HAMPTON

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1. MCDONALD AND HAMPTON ARE NEAR END OF 3-DAY VISIT TO MAURITANIA AND WILL ARRIVE IN DAKAR EVENING JANUARY 9. DUE PRIMARILY TO GROUNDWORK LAID BY MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, MCDONALD AND HAMPTON HAD EXCELLENT VISIT HERE. GIRM EXTENDED RED CARPET TREATMENT, INCLUDING USE OF CAR, INTERPRETER (NEITHER MCDONALD NOR HAMPTON SPEAKS FRENCH), AND PLANE TRIP TO PORT OF NOUADHIBOU. MINISTRY OF PLAN AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT HOSTED DINNER FOR THEM. MCDONALD AND HAMPTON ALSO MET WITH EMBASSY/AID OFFICIALS.

2. GROUP IS ENCOURAGED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR DOING BUSINESS IN MAURITANIA BUT AT SAME TIME APPRECIATES PITFALLS, PARTICULARLY SHALLOW ADMINISTRATIVE AND LGISTICAL INFRASTRUCTURE. MCDONALD COMMENTED TO CHARGE THAT HE CONSIDERS LAGOS AND NOUAKCHOTT AS KEY STOPS ON ITINERARY. MCDONALD HAS SEEN COPY OF LAGOS 164.SHINN

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